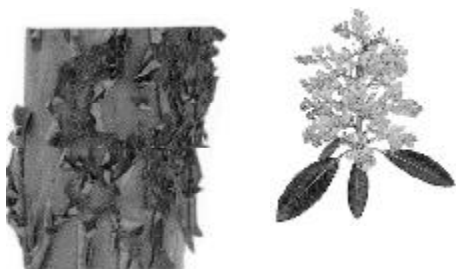


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In the works



Medrona

Arbutus menziesii

Typically this tree does not exceed 130' in height. Its crown is broadly columnar. The leaves are elliptic, to 6" long and 3" across, usually untoothed, glossy dark green above, blue-white beneath, smooth. The bark is red-brown, smooth, peeling, becoming dark and fissured with age; green when freshly exposed. Flowers are urn-shaped, small, and white.

-Courtesy of "Trees" by Allen J. Coombes,
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WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
Natural Resources

Jennifer M. Belcher - Commissioner of Public Lands
Kaleen Cottingham - Supervisor

DNR URBAN and COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM

Now is a great time to inspect the condition of your trees. Check or better yet remove stakes and guy-wires from young trees. Wires that are too tight can girdle the tree and cause more harm than good. Mulching is another great practice this time of year. For more information about fall tree care, please call the TreeLink Hotline 800-523-8733 or 360-902-1703.

1997 TREES ACROSS WASHINGTON RELAY WRAP-UP

To celebrate October as Community Forestry Month, all muscle-powered individuals were encouraged to help transport a live tree "baton" across Washington State while local communities from Anacortes to Spokane held events to raise awareness about the importance of trees in our urban forests.

On October 4, the relay kick-off was at Heart Lake Park in Anacortes, where elected officials gathered in a forest preserve for a ceremonial event. Phil Burton, Friends of the Forest member, was the first relayer. While riding his bike in heavy winds and rain, Phil transported a small lodgepole pine seedling (*Pinus contorta*) which represented the relay baton, to the next event in Marysville. Elizabeth Scriven, a wheelchair racer, helped relay the tree to Everett's Riverfront Park, site of a large tree-planting event. The seedling continued south through Woodinville, Lake Forest Park and Seattle.

The Seattle event was held downtown in front of Westlake Mall and Jan Drago, Seattle City Council member, Larry Phillips, King County Council member and Smokey Bear were present. Seattle cyclists escorted the tree through Bellevue to Issaquah, where Alan Haywood of Issaquah Parks and Recreation organized native vegetation planting projects with students from a nearby school. The tree then caught a ride to Sumner via the Interurban Trail.

State Representative Debbie Regala helped organize a very moving event with Puyallup's Chief Leschi School, where students and teachers planted four western red cedars at northern, southern, western and eastern sites on campus and sang Native American Indian "greeting" and "farewell" songs. Debbie also organized an event at Tacoma's MacIlveigh Middle School. There, students from the Business Education class participated in a discussion on the impact of trees on businesses and vice versa. Coincidentally, a construction crew was excavating a site for a large landscape installation near the school. The students planted a tree to be the focal point of the installation. The seedling then caught a ride to Yelm, Chehalis, Longview, Vancouver, Goldendale, Yakima, Prosser and Richland.

The seedling rolled into Pullman around lunch time for a tree planting ceremony. This event took place in a strip mall construction site while concrete sidewalks were being poured. It was perhaps the most impressive event of the relay. Participants included the construction contractor, a kindergarten class, the mayor, three city council members and the city supervisor, Smokey, WSU students, local community leaders plus broadcast and print media. The seedling rolled away towards its final destination in Spokane.

On October 16, in the cold air and heavy fog, nearly a dozen Fairchild Air Force Base relayers, including the base commander, cycled the seedling to an on-base elementary school, where it was presented to the students to plant and grow. The event included three classrooms, base personnel and the media. Fairchild also hosted the Washington Community Forestry Council meeting following the relay finish.

There was a total of 19 events (ten of which included children), 49 relayers, two tree "batons", and over 800 miles covered in 13 days. Thanks go out to Washington Community Forestry Council members Liz Ellis, Peter Dervin, Fran McFarland, Howard Madsen, Mark Maurer, Marianne Ophardt, Mark Steelquist and Debbie Regala for their coordination efforts. Many thanks go out to the event coordinators, individual relayers and relay teams. The Trees Across Washington Relay was an inspiring event overall to the participating local communities and involved citizens and many look forward to taking part in next year's relay.

-Article submitted by TREEmendous Seattle

THE FUNDAMENTALS OF NO-SPUR, ROPE & SADDLE TREE CLIMBING

The Inland Northwest Arborists Association will be presenting a workshop on Saturday, November 8, from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Minnehaha Park in Spokane, WA. This INAA event will feature instructor, Jim Harris, the 1994 World Champion of the ISA Tree Climbing Jamboree. "Hands-on" participation is limited to the first 24 registrants requesting that status. These participants must supply their own personal climbing equipment. Please call 509/533-2048 x117, 509/443-0234 or 509/466-6559 for more information.

In the works (continued)

"Though a tree grows ever so high,
the falling leaves return to the root."

-Malay proverb

TRIVIA: True or False An average
size tree exhales enough oxygen
throughout the day to keep a family
of four breathing.

(answers upside down below)

Picks and Shovels

On the Horizon

The purpose of the Washington Urban and Community Forestry Program is to assist communities and nonprofit groups in building self-sustaining urban forestry and tree care programs with strong local support.

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1998 NUCFAC COST-SHARE GRANTS AVAILABLE

The National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council's 1998 Challenge Cost-Share Grant Program will accept two-page project preproposals on the following topics:

1. **Research and Technology Development** - To understand the relationship between urban and community forestry resources and humans.
2. **Education, Communication and Outreach** - To increase the knowledge of the public and/or specific audiences about some aspect of urban and community forestry.
3. **Creative and Innovative Projects** - To support creative and innovative urban forestry ideas, messages or projects.

For a description of the program and the preproposal process, call 800/523-8733. For more information, contact Suzanne del Villar at 970/928-9264.

1998 KING COUNTY WATERSHED ACTION GRANTS AVAILABLE

\$60,000 are available now for projects that benefit surface water and wastewater resources in King County. The Watershed Action Grants program provides money for local education and enhancement projects involving streams, wetlands, lakes, rivers, marine habitat, water quality, water reuse and biosolids. Community organizations, homeowners' associations, schools and other groups are eligible. If you have a project that will involve your community and others in the long-term protection of the water resources, you are encouraged to apply. Individual grants are available for up to \$5,000 and the deadline is December 15, 1997. Please call 206/296-8324 to receive a grant packet.

TREE CITY USA FUN FACTS

Did you know?

	Washington State	United States
Number of 1996 Tree City USA awards:	28	2,350
Number of new Tree Cities:	5	159
Number of Growth Award Recipients:	7	413
Number of People living in Tree Cities:	1.25 million(1/4 of Pop)	85 million(1/3 of Pop)
Smallest Tree City USA community:	Metairie(Pop 180)	Calvin ND(Pop 26)
Largest Tree City USA:	Seattle(Pop 500,000)	Los Angeles(Pop 3.2 mil)
Number of Tree Line USA Utilities:	0	21

For more information about how to become a Tree City USA, please contact Tracy Salisbury at 800-523-8733 or 360-902-1704. 1997 Tree City applications are due December 31, 1997.

A growing list of support materials available from our office, call 800-523-8733 or 360-902-1704.

- *Effective Meetings and Effective Communications for Natural Resource Volunteers and Professionals* from the University of Connecticut Cooperative Extension System.
- *Fundraising For Community Tree Projects* from the Pennsylvania Urban and Community Forestry Council.

November

7-8 "Defining Professionalism in the Green Industry," 1997 Annual Conference of Washington Association of Landscape Professionals in Mount Vernon, WA. Contact WALP at 425-644-7642.

December

2-3 Washington Turf & Landscape Seminar at the Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue, WA. Contact 253-925-5638 for more information.

6 4th Annual Tree Solstice Celebration and Potluck, 5-10 p.m. at Camp Long. Contact Liz Ellis at 206-684-5008.

10 PlantAmnesty Annual Membership Meeting. Contact Cass Turnbull at 206-783-9813.

12 ISA Certified Arborist Exam, Seattle WA. Contact PNW ISA at (206)784-1945.

31 Tree City USA Applications are due. Contact Tracy Salisbury at 800-523-8733 or 360-902-1704.